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Amendment and Request for Reconsideration

In response to the Official Action dated August 15, 2002, kindly reconsider allowance of the claims in view of the following amendments and remarks. A Version with Markings to Show Changes Made is attached hereto.

In the Claims

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1. (Amended) A method for making a hypermutable cell *in vitro* comprising exposing a cell to an inhibitor of mismatch repair, wherein said inhibitor is an anthracene, wherein said anthracene has the formula:

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